

OPINION 1562

Anabas oxyrhynchus Boulenger, 1902 (currently *Ctenopoma oxyrhynchum*; Osteichthyes, Perciformes): specific name not conserved

Ruling

(1) It is hereby confirmed that the Principle of Priority is to be applied to the specific names of the nominal species *Anabas oxyrhynchus* Boulenger, 1902 and *Ctenopoma weeksii* Boulenger, 1896.

(2) The name *weeksii* Boulenger, 1896, as published in the binomen *Ctenopoma weeksii*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2595

An application for the conservation of *Anabas oxyrhynchus* Boulenger, 1902 was received from Mr S. M. Norris (*Oklahoma State University, U.S.A.*) on 27 February 1987. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 44: 192–193 (September 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. An opposing comment by Carl J. Ferraris, Jr. (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, U.S.A.*) was published in BZN 45: 143 (June 1988), together with a reply by the author of the application. In para. 4(2) on p. 192 of BZN 44 '*Anabas oxyrhynchum*' should read '*Anabas oxyrhynchus*'.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 44: 192. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 9: Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Halvorsen, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Savage, Schuster

Negative votes — 12: Bayer, Dupuis, Hahn, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Martins de Souza, Ride, Thompson, Uéno and Willink.

No vote was received from Heppell. Starobogatov and Trjapitzin were on leave of absence.

The proposal was thus not carried.

Hahn, Kraus, Martins de Souza, Ride, Thompson and Willink all agreed with Dr Ferraris' comment (BZN 45: 143), and said that the Principle of Priority should apply. Hahn and Kraus also commented that stability would be achieved by Mr Norris giving the synonymy of *weeksii* and *oxyrhynchus* in his forthcoming revisionary work on the genus *Ctenopoma*.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

weeksii, *Ctenopoma*, Boulenger, 1896, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (6)17: 310.